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HUDGENS ANNOUNCES REWARD IN HABERSHAM COUNTY ARSON CASE

Atlanta - Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens and Bud Ausborn of the Georgia Arson Control Board, Inc., announced Wednesday the presentation of a reward check totaling \$1,500 to a citizen of Habersham County. The individual who provided information in a recreational vehicle fire that led to the conviction of an arsonist.

The check in the amount of \$1,500 was presented to Brian Smith, State Fire Marshal Investigator, in a brief ceremony at the Department of Insurance and Safety Fire. Smith will forward the rewards to the recipient, who has chosen to remain anonymous, Commissioner Hudgens said.

Commissioner Hudgens and the Georgia Arson Control Board, Inc. (GAC), sponsor the Georgia Arson Control Reward Program and the Georgia Arson Hotline. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an arsonist. Anyone with information about a suspicious fire is asked to call the hotline at **1-800-282-5804**. Calls are taken 24 hours a day; callers can choose to remain anonymous.

Since its inception in 1979, GAC has approved over 500 rewards totaling \$1.6 million dollars.

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